

City of Takoma Park

**THE MONTGOMERY COLLEGE NEIGHBORS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Agenda

DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2006
TIME: 6:00
LOCATION: Provost's Conference Room, Provosts Office at the corner of
Takoma and New York Avenues

1. Call to Order
2. Review/Adopt Minutes
3. Campus Issues
 - Positive partnering initiatives, ways in which neighbors and college staff can collaborate on efforts to promote the college and its assets for our immediate neighborhood and schools within our area.
 - Update on New York Avenue utilities construction
4. Subcommittee Reports
 - Facilities Master Plan Subcommittee
 - Subcommittee to identify character of area streets
5. Meeting Dates
 - Set date and time for next meeting (s)
6. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2006

The City of Takoma Park Montgomery College Neighbors Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 in the Provost's Office Conference Room on the Montgomery College Campus, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Members Present: Arlene Markowicz, Richard Weil, Morelyn Weisman, Kathy Jentz, Lorraine Pearsall, Paul Chrostowski, James Evans, Sally Brucker, Frances Phipps

Members Absent: Bernard Aronson, Stacy Gurian-Sherman

Staff Present: Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner

Others Present: Brad Stewart, Provost, Howard Stanley, Director of Facilities, Jennie Wells, Dean of Students, Joy Austin-Lane, Councilmember, David Capp, Chief Facilities Officer

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

2. Minutes

The minutes were unanimously adopted with a minor revision.

3. Subcommittee Report

Facilities Master Plan Subcommittee: The subcommittee met twice and noted items for discussion with the committee as a whole and with the College. See attached minutes to the meeting. The subcommittee recommends that at some point the Committee should meet with the Trustees or a subset of the trustees.

Would like the neighborhood to participate in fund raising for the Master Plan campus additions.

Cultural Arts Center: There will be a meeting to show the plans and renderings to the public Feb 13th at 6 PM. The project will go to the Planning Board for Mandatory Referral February 23rd.

5. Next meeting dates

MCNAC: March 28

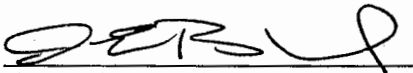
Facility Master Plan: Thursday at 4 PM (Sally Brucker's House) February 16th

6. Meeting Adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved


Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner

Richard Weil, Chair

Facility Master Plan (FMP) Subcommittee Minutes of 12/05 and 1/06 Meetings
Presented to
Montgomery College Neighbors Advisory Committee
Meeting of January 24, 2006

The Facilities Master Plan Subcommittee met on December 8, 2005¹ and January 20, 2006² to begin a discussion of items of interest pertaining to the preparation of the 2007 Facilities Master Plan. This memo to the Committee as a whole summarizes the subcommittee items that as of this date require further attention, discussion or clarification. More items will be raised as the subcommittee continues to meet, and it is recognized that this is the beginning of a constructive process.

Campus Expansion Vision

- Would like to meet with trustees to share visions for expansion.
- Work with MC to find funding for program expansion into South Silver Spring; is the college seeking more funding currently for expansion into Silver Spring (public storage buildings)?

Scheduling and Budget Issues

- Current Status of 2007 Facilities Master Plan –update on the progress of this submittal, review of drafts of this report before it is sent out for review by other parties.
- When is MC meeting with M-NCPPC for next cycle of revisions to the FMP in advance of submittal to the State in 2007?
- When is the City of Takoma Park meeting with M-NCPPC for the next cycle of revisions to the FMP?
- When would money need to be appropriated to accommodate expansion of the Science and Math and Resource Centers?

Campus Structure and Character

- Heights of Buildings
 - On New York Avenue, buildings should be two stories; a third story set-back option was also listed in the MP (TP-28). Proposed roof level near New York Avenue is 30 feet, with one level below street level or with a set back (TP-A1, Zoning Analysis). Recommend that the 3 story set-back

¹ Committee members at the 12/05 subcommittee meeting were Jim Evans, Lorraine Pearsall, Kathy Jentz, Sally Brucker, and Morelyn Weisman.

² Committee members at the 1/06 subcommittee meeting were Jim Evans, Lorraine Pearsall, Sally Brucker, Morelyn Weisman and Frances Phipps.

option is deleted from both places in subsequent drafts of FMP. What is the height of the existing buildings on New York Avenue?

- Student Services building should be the tallest building on the campus.
- New buildings on Fenton Street (Science and Math Center), which are moving toward our residential community, should be lower than Student Services Building. Consider removing the hill when expanding the Science and Math Center, and also moving underground.
- M-NCPPC recommended that proposed building heights should not exceed the 40 feet/3 story maximum set by the R-60 zone (Letter dated 10/22/04 from C. Loehr to Dr. Nunley). This would be appropriate for Fenton Street (but not New York Avenue, which should be lower).
- Massing
 - Proposed development down New York Avenue (Resource Center) eliminates much of the openness between buildings and creates a solid wall in an effort to maximize space (TP-F5). The existing spaces between the buildings, with its landscaping, gives the campus a more human feel in this residential community, and is more in keeping with our residential community and adjacent historic district than what is proposed.
 - In a meeting between M-NCPPC and the City of Takoma Park, it was noted that the proposed building coverage was 45%, while the zone calls for no more than 35% (M-NCPPC Meeting Notes, 8/10/04).

Parking and Traffic

- Available spaces provided on eastern campus with the current student services building in place is 748 (663 garage and 85 off-street) (TP-36).
 - Where are the 85 off-street spaces located and has this changed? Is there a figure?
- Available spaces provided on the western campus is 450 (TP-36).
 - King Street garage will contain 300 spaces that will serve both the Art Center and the Cultural Arts Center (TP-39), however, it is stated that King Street garage may also contain 150 spaces (TP-36). Please clarify. Assuming 300 spaces, where are the other 150 spaces located?
- Short term parking needs could be accommodated by off-street parking availability (TP-36).
 - MP cites availability of 100 spaces on-street in the eastern campus, and 105 spaces available to the western campus. Has this changed with new development in the area?

- What percentage of students arrive on campus by mass transportation and what percentage use cars?
- Would like to obtain a copy of traffic and parking studies performed for the eastern and western campuses for our committee.
- Would like city staff to obtain a copy of Montgomery County Planning Board's Local Area Transportation Review (LATR) guidelines (mentioned in letter dated 10/22/04 from C. Loehr to Dr. Nunley).

Safety Issues

- Junction of Fenton and New York Ave – would like to clarify what safety improvements are envisioned? Improvements must not deter traffic from Fenton Street, which is a major artery to Silver Spring from DC. Consider at-grade striped crossings with signs, or flashing lights activated as necessary.
- Work toward having no trucks or buses travel down New York Avenue, which is very narrow and heavily used by students.
- A raised cross-walk speed-table on New York Avenue (similar to that on Takoma Avenue) may keep traffic from moving too fast along this very traveled street.

Enrollment

- Would like clarification of existing head count and if projected increases mentioned in the 2002 FMP have changed.